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In re Application of:

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## RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2009, to which the time for response expired March 30, 2010. The pending claims, claims 7-8 and 13-18, were rejected. Reconsideration is requested in light of amendments and remarks that follow.

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.